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Letter dated 14 December 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Government of Uganda wishes to make the following comment in response to the letter from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Republic of the Sudan addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2001/113).

Uganda has been affected by terrorism for a long time. A combination of all terrorist acts committed by the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), who are backed by the Sudan and trained by al-Qa'idah, and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), who are based in and trained by the Sudan, have resulted in a staggering 30,839 persons abducted, 11,110 of whom are children. This is not taking into account those killed, maimed or unaccounted for. Many United Nations agencies, including the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), have repeatedly appealed to those who give aid and comfort to the terrorists to return Uganda's innocent children.

Uganda, therefore, welcomes the decision of the United States of America to include the two main perpetrators of terror in Uganda, the Allied Democratic Forces and the Lord's Resistance Army, on the Terrorist Exclusion List. Uganda also thanks the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for its action against the bank accounts of the Lord's Resistance Army.

Uganda takes this opportunity to call upon the international community to fight and defeat international terrorism, including these heartless enemies of humanity and civilization.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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